

Interview Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
	09/710,082		HUNTER, IAN W.	
	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Arlen Soderquist		1743	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Arlen Soderquist (USPTO).

(3) Bruce D. Sunstein.

(2) Jill Warden (USPTO).

(4) Samual J. Petuchowski.

Date of Interview: 05 November 2003.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 in detail and other independent claims briefly.

Identification of prior art discussed: the applied references.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.


Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

ARLEN SODERQUIST
PRIMARY EXAMINER

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: discussed the language of claim 1 with respect to the teachings of the applied references and the expectations relative to cross-talk between through holes that one of skill in the art would have when the through hole size and spacings reach the level claimed. Indicated that the arguments pointed out some deficiencies in the combination of references, but that the claims would probably need to be amended in order to more clearly point out those differences. In a subsequent conversation of November 6, 2003 examiner pointed to pages 8 and 10 of the instant specification as having language regarding the prevention of capillary outmigration and the specified subsets of through holes as providing language that would be supported by the specification. Relative to the other independent claims and dependent claims therefrom, examiner noted that they do not contain the hydrophobic/hydrophilic structure of the platen that is taught as preventing the capillary outmigration of sample. Examiner is leaving the decision of the proper way of handling those claims up to applicant. Will consider the response when filed and call applicant if there are further changes that need to be made..